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**Salt Lake-** This week employees received an e-mail and desktop icon leading them to a new website, " **Diverse Utah: One State, Many People.**" DHS caseload data shows that agencies are serving an increasingly diverse population. In order to provide caseworkers tools, information and resources needed to help diverse clients succeed, the website was created. Research, interviews and focus groups with caseworkers and community leaders were conducted to ensure content on the site would meet caseworkers' needs when working with clients.



Five major cultural groups are featured: Latino, Asian American, African American, American Indian, Pacific Islander and information about the refugee population in Utah as well. The website includes cultural documentaries employees can view on their computers, culturally specific caseworker tips, community and training resources, interpreter information and more!

The website was unveiled to the Executive Leadership Team to great acclaim. Lisa-Michele Church requires each division to provide cultural training for their employees. The website gives contact information of cultural experts in the community who can offer that training. **Diver se Utah: One State, Many People** 

continues to be a work in progress and will be updated regularly. Presentations and cultural training involving the website is being provided statewide to employees. The Executive Director's Office is hopeful the website will be a great tool for DHS employees and caseworkers.

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